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Chapter 151 – The Hu Sisters' Decision

Within half a day, the three started walking again. They didn't know how many more steps it would take to reach the top as they stared at the endless path.

Time slowly passed, and with three days of constant changes, the disciples of the three sects were no longer able to support themselves. They gave up one after the other.

Although most of them couldn't reach the peak, they weren't entirely upset. On the contrary, they were excited and joyful, because everyone more or less obtained some advantage in this test, many people even experienced a breakthrough.

This at least gave them something to celebrate about.

On the fourth day, the ones who stayed for the climb either felt heat which burned their hearts or chills which pierced the bones.

These people kept restoring their power, as they also wanted to break through the light barrier.

But this time, regardless of anything else, they solely wanted a martial technique.

The decision of the two beautiful sisters didn't have anything to do with the obstruction of the light barrier, as they kept climbing the endless steps.

At this point of time, the people started to realise that this was a huge opportunity. If they were to miss this once in a lifetime chance, they would regret it for the rest of their lives. Everyone who stuck around thought that if they can hold on and persist, perhaps they will gain a bigger advantage.

In life, there were much more things to achieved, but at that moment all their attention was on the seemingly infinite steps.

On the fifth day, a total of around half the disciples of the three sects had withdrawn from the test. People gathered by the light barrier, envying those who found the energy to push on while they clenched their fists in disappointment in themselves.

There were many conversations, most of which were discussions about who would be the first to reach the peak.

Without a doubt, Su Yan's name was heard the most often!

The disciples who gave up knew that the inside was filled with hot and cold turns and without a doubt, Su Yan's cultivation technique was a huge advantage. Moreover, out of all the young disciples of the three sects, Su Yan's strength was also the strongest. It wouldn't be strange if she completed the trial first.

This fact alone left many High Heaven Pavilion disciples proud as their faces glowed with pride. Su Yan was a figure many High Heaven Pavilion disciples looked up to; male or female.

The Hu sisters were of the same opinion.

The great strength and nobleness of Su Yan that surpassed them caused them to envy her from the bottom of their hearts as they looked up to and almost worshipped her.

Yang Kai and the Hu sisters were five thousand steps in now, but with progress also came immense difficulty. It was like climbing and crossing countless mountains and rivers. Yang Kai, however, showed no symptoms of struggle or pain, his face just as bright as when they first started climbing. This was not the case for the Hu sisters, who were both drenched in sweat.

As they got more exhausted, their appearances became arguably more attractive.

The more steps they took, the more heated they became, making their whole bodies fragrant, their complexions flushed, their coquettish looks turning limpid, just like two thoroughly ripe honey peaches. If one were to take a bite, the fragrance and juices would be an explosion of flavour.

"It's quite warm!" Hu Jiao Er continued stepping up while raising her shirt collar with one hand and fanning the wind with the other. Her voluptuous and shapely chest could be partially seen by Yang Kai.

She had never been this sweaty before. Her clothes pasted directly against her damp skin, outlining her perfect, graceful curves.

This also applied to Hu Mei Er. Sweat was continuously flowing. Her typically ruby lips turned dry from exhaustion, which prompted her to lick them with her tongue, moistening them.

"We shall rest again." Hu Jiao Er said bitterly as she walked in front of Yang Kai. He was unexpectedly tough, so tough that he hadn't produced a single drop of sweat. She almost raged with envy and admiration for him.

Yang Kai walked to the front as he turned his head to look at her with one eye saying: "We will continue when the temperature drops."

As he now stood on a higher step, he happened to see Hu Jiao Er's chest. It was like two mountains with a straight, flawless valley with sweat in between, causing his blood to stir with excitement.

Yang Kai became somewhat out of sorts.

Hu Jiao Er realised her own misdemeanour and instantly hurried to pull up her collar. She covered her chest with her hand as anger welled up in her eyes and she exclaimed, "What are you looking at?!"

Yang Kai's smile only stretched wider as he did not look away. Her realisation only made his gaze linger unscrupulously on the sisters' graceful bodies for longer.

Getting stared at like that was intensely uncomfortable for the Hu sisters.

They were standing behind him because their entire bodies were soaking wet, with every enticing crevice exposed. How could they be comfortable walking side by side with him?

They didn't expect him to be such a shamelessly bold person.

"Stop looking at us!!" Hu Jiao Er drew her younger sister behind her vigilantly, as she shielded her with her own body. Her cheeks and sweaty forehead flushed red as she stared at Yang Kai angrily.

"Ha ha!" Yang Kai was overjoyed. He turned his head facing forward as he said, "This walk has been quite boring. There was some scenery to break up the monotony. Not stopping to admire it would a waste of criminal proportions!"

"I misread you." Hu Jiao Er stated bitterly, "I thought that you were an honourable gentleman, I hadn't thought that you were this dirty! I wish I could dig your eyes out!"

Yang Kai asserted lightly without turning, "A man looking at a woman is a natural thing, what does it have to do with gentlemanly nature? Besides, for you to dig my eyes out, I would have to be looking at you. Jiao Er, do you wish for me to turn around?"

Hu Jiao Er was infuriated, causing her milk-white bosom to shake uncontrollably. She ground her teeth and scolded, "You must want me to be hit before you shut up!"

"That doesn't sound right, have you forgotten you were supposed to be protecting me?" Yang Kai suddenly turned his head, his eyebrows raised. He looked like he was ridiculing her.

This made Hu Jiao Er red, as her rage disappeared, coyly saying in an instant: "Don't mention this matter, it's embarrassing."

After all, they did promise to protect him beforehand, but now it seems like the tables are turned. He's the one protecting them since he never needed protection himself. The sisters couldn't even keep up with him anyway.

Recalling this, Hu Jiao Er smiled awkwardly.

"We should keep the energy for climbing instead of arguing." Hu Mei Er mediated.

"Humph, don't even think about looking at us again!" Hu Jiao Er reprimanded Yang Kai.

Yang Kai faintly smiled and said nothing else.

Following behind him, Hu Jiao Er whispered to her younger sister, "I don't think he's an appropriate person. Be careful, and do not let him have his way."

"Elder sister." Hu Mei Er smiled charmingly.

After two full hours, Yang Kai came to a halt. He did nothing but calmly stood on the spot.

The two sisters followed him as they came to his position. They couldn't help but shiver a little in fright.

"It's too cold!" Hu Jiao Er rubbed her hands together, her skin pimpled with goosebumps. Their perspiration was now frost.

After five hundred steps, the atmosphere had abruptly turned from hot to cold.

The Hu sisters quickly and silently huddled themselves closer into Yang Kai's arms. They shook uncontrollably as if they were in a snow storm.

Before the three thousandth step, the sisters were comfortable climbing behind Yang Kai. The Yang attributes from before allowed them to do just that. Now there was coldness almost unbearable, they

could only walk arm in arm with Yang Kai for more warmth. Such behaviour only reflected on their shared feelings of camaraderie, akin to when people face hardships together.

As time passed, the three stopped to rest again. The Hu sisters looked at each other, nodding as if they had decided on something.

"Yang Kai!" Hu Jiao Er suddenly said.

"What's wrong?"

"We think it'll be better if we stop following you."

Yang Kai was shocked, but kept quiet, as he calmly listened.

Hu Jiao Er resumed, "Judging from your legs, you're faster than us. Think about it, we would only slow you down."

Hu Mei Er also nodded, as she picked up the conversation, "Elder sister wants to protect you, but this place seems to have no danger whatsoever. We would be contributing very little."

Yang Kai was still calmly silent.

Hu Jiao Er said with a smile, "Do you think that we are giving up? We will follow through, it's just that you're faster than us."

"You're certain?" Yang Kai asked.

"Yes."

Standing up slowly, Yang Kai decided, "Since you have made your mind, I won't try to change it."

The two girls were filled with good intentions. If they were to stop him they wouldn't be themselves.

Yang Kai peered at the peak and found the need to utter his gratitude, "Thank you. Your company was nothing short of pleasant."

Hu Mei Er turned joyful. Her playful, cheery look was charming. The hostility and vigilance in Hu Jiao Er's heart were torn to pieces by his words.

"I will reach the peak and look at what's up there!" Yang Kai turned around as he proceeded onwards, this time much faster than before.

"Don't forget to tell us all about it!" Hu Jiao Er shouted with a typical smile.

"Alright!"

Yang Kai turned into a black stream of light as he continued to run, the talented sisters now walking side by side to resist the frost as they kept moving.

Before they could take their second step, they were suddenly thrown airborne into a gentle breeze. They were startled by this unannounced gust of wind.

In a few moments, their bodies started to lightly float as they landed softly.

Before gathering their composure, their bodies fell beside the light barrier.

They looked around and shaken to discover that many people were the same as them. They were obviously just delivered, panic clearly wrote on all their faces. Furthermore, the batch that just landed was filled with only women. Men were non-existent in this place.

"Yang Kai?" Hu Mei Er looked around and Yang Kai was nowhere to be seen.

"He is still inside!" Hu Jiao Er said in a low voice. Despite the confusion, she believed that Yang Kai was still sprinting.

But why were there only females here?

The girls who were transported still had some of the great energy of Yin and Yang stuck on them, attracting the attention of the disciples of the three sects who were outside.

They didn't hurry to encircle them. Instead, they slowly inquired about their health then asked about the situation inside.

After talking to each other, they realised that everyone had gone through the same bitter experience of being swept by the gentle breeze to land outside the light barrier.

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Lan Chudie, who held unyielding will in her eyes, was amongst the crowd. The look in her eyes seemed to resemble Yang Kai's. Lan Chudie came to a realisation as her complexion turned purple, the frost which was stuck to her body started to fall off one bit at a time.

"It's over?" Lan Chudie felt bitter and astringent at heart, she as an 8th level Qi Transformation Stage was able to climb up to 3000 steps. This was a result far better than any other disciple at her stage.

This result came solely from the persistence she had in her heart, as she never gave up.

However, she was also taken out by the gentle breeze, so how could she tolerate this? [As long as I had enough time, I would have certainly reached the peak. Why did it deliver me here instead?] Lan Chudie thought as she clenched her fists so hard her nails bit into her palms.

All that was left for her was the pain in her heart.

As she was calming down, a soft female voice sounded.

"Are you alright, fellow female apprentice?" Hu Jiao Er discovered the unusualness in Lan Chudie as she inquired kindly.

Lan Chudie shook her lowly hung head as teardrops slowly rolled down her cheek.

Yan Kai kept going forward as he focused on getting to the peak. He hadn't noticed that the Hu sisters had silently disappeared.

Yang Kai didn't need to worry about them anymore as he kept rushing forward.

The atmosphere which was already filled with Yin Qi kept increasing step by step. Yang Kai was not worried as his True Yang Secret Art kept his body warm, and the rest of the Yin Qi was absorbed by the Unyielding Golden Body.

After another five hundred steps, the energy changed from Yin to Yang. Yang Kai climbed at an even greater speed.

There was still some Yin energy stuck to his body in the process of melting. However, the Yang energy that synchronised well with his Secret art was much easier to absorb.

Step by step, the distance between him and the peak got smaller and smaller.

As he progressed further, the pressure which was weighing on him started to get heavier.

If it wasn't for Yang Kai's True Yang Secret Art allowing him to stockpile Yang Liquid in his dantian, Yang Kai wouldn't be able to be as collected as he is.

As he got closer, Yang Kai faintly thought something was not right.

This Peak's test was indeed getting more and more difficult, but it was not impossible for a human to pass it. If it was really a test of inheritance, it shouldn't be this simple.

Sensing Yang Kai's intention, Old Demon thought of saying something. However, as he thought back to when he presented an evil cultivation method which included the usage of both the Hu sisters' virgin bodies, he shut his old mouth so as to not anger Yang Kai and receive his merciless torture.

Yang Kai would be enraged if he were to say anything related to his evil arts, so he didn't dare to speak, even though he did not know why Yang Kai was so against them.

To avoid ruining Yang Kai's mood, he kept silent.

Even though Yang Kai had some concerns in his mind, he thought it would all be sorted out once he reached the peak. This thought was only a small comfort. Yang Kai loosened his heart a bit, as well as relaxing his body. It was as the test became simpler along with the transformation of his mood.

Day after day passed, and Yang Kai had rested three times in total. He was really close to the peak.

There was a majestic mist that covered the peak. Looking at it felt like looking at a fairyland. Yang Kai had slowly crept into the fog, as seen by some covering the way he came from. The scene felt like the sweetest dream.

Where he was, there were only ten steps remaining... the last ten to finally end his arduous climbing journey.

He slowly walked up the steps, one at a time.

Nine, eight, seven.

As he kept moving forward with determination, old memories rushed into his head one by one.

Six, five, four.

The memories proceeded to trace far back into the past to when Yang Kai obtained the blank Black Book, changing his entire life and destiny.

Three, two.

Memories about three years ago also reappeared, causing Yang Kai's steady disposition to have some mighty waves.

Yang Kai lifted his foot towards the last step and paused there without moving.

If he missed the last step, he could fall.

But there was no way Yang Kai would make such a mistake.

Although it was hard to tell, he projected that falling would likely only deal severe wounds to him. This was his intuition.

Deeply affected, he revolved the True Yang Secret Art silently. Yang Kai remained motionless for a long time. Once he felt that his state of mind, which had been buffeted by mighty waves, slowly return to normal, the memories which seemed to paralyse him gradually faded.

After a long time, Yang Kai opened with eyes with pure determination. There was no hint of hesitation or fear.

His foot landed.

An otherworldly buzz-like cry rang out, and an invisible pressure suddenly descended on Yang Kai. It was a pressure that only an overlord could possess.

Yang Kai's body started to bend, including both his legs, which nearly made him kneel down. However, he stopped bending when he was half a foot from the step. He was not going to give up now.

At that moment, his body was dripping wet with sweat and his muscles were fiercely convulsing. His body shivered uncontrollably. This pressure unexpectedly wasn't a cultivation Tempered Body world pressure. It felt different.

If he were to compare this immense pressure with cultivation pressure, there would only be one that would fit; a pressure coming from a powerhouse. It was like a huge eye looking down at him.

His body slowly straightened up, blue veins becoming visible across his forehead. His complexion had gone completely red. With his resistance, the pressure seemed to be getting stronger. His breath came out in laboured puffs as he tasted a tang of fresh blood on his tongue. The overwhelming pressure was already crushing and injuring him.

"I can withstand the prestige of the world, let alone you! You are not the world!" Yang Kai clenched his teeth so hard a clanking sound was produced. He slowly lifted his other foot little by little as he moved towards the final step.

His movement that ended in a flash gave the sensation that it took a year to complete, upon which Yang Kai finally stood straight. He had overcome the hardships of the overwhelming pressure.

As if he broke an invisible barrier, his body turned featherweight as all the pressure vanished.

A huge wave of energy fiercely swept past him, stirring up the Yuan Qi in his body. After a moment, the corner of his mouth cracked into a smile.

Initial Element Stage eight!

He unexpectedly passed through these endless steps with his low cultivation. This could be considered a great harvest.

Getting his composure back, Yang Kai could see the Palace nearby.

Unfortunately, there was still a layer of stairs between them.

Compared to what he had just endured, these steps were not intimidating to him. He estimated that there were only a hundred steps left to go.

"A two-layer test?" Yang Kai muttered to himself.

Without further delay, he faced forward and took a step upwards.

When he placed his foot on the first step, a burning hot Yang Attribute energy emerged out of thin air towards Yang Kai. This energy looked like a red silk thread, intriguingly visible to the naked eye.

Yang Kai looked surprised and reached out to grasp it.

Revolving his True Yang Secret Art, he unexpectedly directly absorbed it.

"Strange!" Yang Kai couldn't think clearly. If this was a two layered test, then shouldn't it be harder for the people to move in the second layer?

A few days ago when he was still in the first layer, the energy attacked and only attacked his body, but it seems like the second layer only filled his surroundings. There was an immense difference between them.

Yang Kai did not rush up the steps, as he wanted to gather more information.

With every step, more Yang energy would fill his surroundings. He would absorb them and convert them with his cultivation technique before he advanced.

From the hundred steps, he was able to gather two drops of Yang Liquid.

Having advanced to the ninety-ninth step, Yang Kai felt that something was not right. In front of the one-hundredth step, a Yin Qi barrier was blocking his path.

He put out his hand to test the waters. The Yin Qi instantly permeated through his body, such that even his True Yang Secret Art wouldn't be able to melt this energy so easily.

What was stranger was that the Yang Qi that he had previously absorbed slowly started to well up from his Dantian and dissolved into thin air.

He moved back a few steps from the Yin Qi to retain his composure.

He frowned deeply. [This should be the last step to the peak,] he thought.

How can he break the Yin Qi barrier? Is this supposed to be the last trial?

If so, he must break through this barrier to get through.

He considered his Yang Qi, which was burning hot and was the complete opposite of the Yin Qi barrier.

After a little more thinking, Yang Kai proceeded to the 100th step once again.

Gathering his Yang Qi, he slowly mustered it in front of the Yin Qi barrier.

Yang Kai took a deep breath and grabbed hold of his fist while revolving his Yuan Qi as the Burning Sun's Blast was directly shot to the Yin Qi barrier.

Bang! The fierce Yuan Qi poured into the Yin Qi barrier. But just like a pebble splashing into a sea, there was barely any reaction.

Yang Kai delivered the same attack over and over, but it seemed to just dissipate into nothing.

If the Burning Sun's Blast had no effect, perhaps even using Star Mark would be a waste of time and energy. What is the key to surpassing the barrier, then?

Yang Kai narrowed his eyes and thought for a moment. His heart seemed to understand something clearly.

Probing for the third time, Yang Kai went down the steps and stood at where the red silk thread was most visible. This time, instead of absorbing it, he garnered its length within his hands.

He didn't absorb it this time around, but after watching the red silk gather he couldn't help but grab at it

The size of the red silk thread increased as he kept pulling in more. On top of that, the red silk thread also became more and more wild and powerful, such that even his hand started to burn a little.

If this energy was used to cultivate True Yang Secret Art, it would have inconceivable results, but in truth, this Yang Qi was so strange that if he did not absorb them, they would rebel restlessly. They might also frequently attack Yang Kai.

Yang Kai did not utter a word despite the pain increasing in his palms.

As time passed, the rebellious Yang Qi threads in his hand unexpectedly calmed down and stayed steady as if they had found their home. They no longer struggled or revolted, or even attacked him.

Yang Kai's mouth curls into a smile as he thought that he had found the right technique.

With the increase in the thickness of the red thread, the Yang Qi that Yang Kai gathered formed the shape of a fireball. Even with its size, Yang Kai remained unharmed.

Standing in front of the ninety-ninth step once again, Yang Kai gently pushed the fireball in his hands towards the Yin Qi barrier.

This time around, he was not disappointed.

After absorbing these Yang Qi threads, the Yin Qi barrier broke like a fragile mirror. With the sounds of crashing and banging, the Yin Qi barrier dispersed, revealing the magnificent Palace which presented itself right in front of Yang Kai.

He had completed the path!!

Chapter 153 – The Successor to the Inheritance

When the Yin Qi barrier was shattered, Xie Hong Chen roared with anger. He had persisted with all his energy to climb to so high. He was only a few steps away from the peak, victory already in sight when he suddenly felt a gentle breeze swoop under his feet. This gentle breeze was much like what the Hu sisters had experienced; the same that had sent them down.

"No!" Xie Hong Chen shouted in refusal. He tried to extend his hand to grab onto the stairs but it proved to be just out of reach. Very quickly, the flight of stairs grew more distant as he flew away.

"No. No. No!" Xie Hong Chen looked at the flight of stairs, desperate to return to continue climbing but the flight of stairs quickly disappeared from his sight.

For so many days, he climbed relentlessly but only to fall short at the last moment. This was not his own mistake but was due to someone else clearing the trials first. With another person's success, the other contestants behind would be delivered back by a gentle breeze.

(Silavin: Not exactly gentle with how boss it handed that bitch)

(ICE: Hong Chen does not deserve gentleness)

[Who was it!?] Xie Hong Chen questioned, his eyes red with rage only to finally think of Su Yan, who had the biggest chance of succeeding.

[Can it be her?] The thought was a small comfort to him, but he still palpitated with vexation.

Once he had recovered his composure, Xie Hong Chen discovered that he had landed in a strange place. When he looked up at the sky, he deduced that he was still within the Heaven's Cave Inheritance, but weirdly enough, there was no one around.

Xie Hong Chen stood on the spot for a while, before his mouth rose into a sneer. "If Su Yan was the one that obtained the inheritance, I will certainly make you mine!"

Soon, more people started to appear out of thin air and landed around him. They were all male disciples from all three sects. Similar to the female disciples that were blown away by the breeze, these disciples had endured the trial only to end with much disappointment. At the same time, the males were dispersed throughout the Heaven's Cave Inheritance, unlike the females.

On landing, many male disciples started to explore the area in low spirits. They had failed to obtain the Inheritance, but there was still a possibility for treasure.

Above the clouds in front of a magnificent palace, Yang Kai stood there watching the gigantic doors open as if they expected his arrival. He did not immediately enter; instead, the boy closed his eyes and recounted the events of the trials.

The first part of the test questioned a person's will. The second verified a person's capabilities in controlling Yang Energy. Only with sufficient control and capability could one climb the 99 steps and destroy the Yin Qi barrier on the 100th step in one attack.

After a long time, Yang Kai smiled and stepped forward. As he moved, he could feel the True Yang Qi within his body change.

Once he passed through the door, he could feel the Origin of Yang suddenly react. So far, the Origin of Yang would only respond to nearby Yang Energy. Its response would vary depending on the strength of the energy. This time, it was extremely intense, so intense that Yang Kai could feel his chest boil. Nonetheless, the boy continued forth with a dignified look, following the Origin of Yang's direction.

Yang Kai walked for a while before he saw a huge ball of red and white energy circulate each other in mid-air several meters off the ground. He instantly recognised that this ball of energy was the source his Origin of Yang was reacting to.

Strangely enough, this ball of energy did not contain just Yang energy. It also contained a piercing cold energy. When the two energies came together, they did not oppose each other. Instead, they harmoniously coexisted alongside each other. When Yang Kai took a closer look, he could see the energy producing two different forms from time to time.

When the boy realised the forms were actually two creatures, he shivered a little. Those two creatures were none other than the dragon and phoenix that flew outside the Heaven's Cave Inheritance.

[Is this the inheritance?] Yang Kai's eyelids narrowed as he carefully analysed the sphere of energy.

In the next moment, his gaze caught sight of a human figure clad in white, startling him. His whole face seemed to change, averting his attention from the creatures.

"Su Yan?" Yang Kai called out. He had not expected someone else to be here alongside him. What's more, the other person was Su Yan.

When he called out, the woman sitting crossed-legged under the ball of energy opened her eyes.

"It's you?" Su Yan's beautiful pupils shook in surprise as she relaxed.

Yang Kai smiled. He felt joy in finding his Senior Sister here. Moving closer to her, he stood tall and firm. He refocused on the ball of energy that now sat above both of them and asked, "How long have you been here?"

"This is probably the 45th day." Su Yan spoke with an ice cold voice, highlighting her aloof nature.

[45 days?!] Yang Kai was flabbergasted by that number. He never doubted that she was worthy of the title of the strongest female in High Heaven Pavilion. Exactly 45 days ago, he was separated from the Hu sisters so he could continue quickly on his own.

The rest of his journey from their departure lasted 45 days. To think that she would accomplish it in such a short span of time was simply shocking beyond words.

What Yang Kai was not aware of was that the gentle breeze that Su Yan had caused upon her success, which blew all other females away from the flight of stairs. Likewise, he was also unaware of the gentle breeze that he himself had caused upon his own completion. Thus, in this test, they were the only two remaining.

"Sit down and speak to me," Su Yan invited.

Yang Kai nodded and sat cross-legged facing her.

When Yang Kai chose to sit close, Su Yan's face changed slightly but quickly returned back to normal.

(Silavin: Cute!)

They looked at each other in silence. Suddenly, Yang Kai smiled and opened his mouth, "After over ten thousand steps, I also had to complete the final hundred. During my journey, every five hundred steps changed the energy emitting from the stairs. At the end of it, I had absorbed the Yang Qi from the final 99 right before the Yin Qi barrier. I used that energy to break it."

Su Yan smiled back, "Me too. I also suffered the same exact trials as you for the first ten thousand, but for the final hundred steps I had to absorb the Yin Qi to freeze the sea of fire that engulfed the hundredth."

When Su Yan smiled, it felt like a refreshing breeze had blown across a wasteland, like a snow white world had finally seen the sight of greenery as though spring had arrived. Such a beautiful woman would effortlessly cause the downfall of nations and capture the hearts of everyone. Even Yang Kai was no exception; he simply stared at the beautiful woman sitting in front of him. He was filled with an abundance of joy.

Su Yan noticed his gaze and quickly avoided looking at him.

"I don't know why, but I find your smile extremely enchanting." Yang Kai did not hide his thoughts.

(Silavin: $\setminus (\bullet \cup \bullet)$ / OHHHHHHHHHhhhhhhhhh!!!!!!!)

(ICE: Go man)

"We are not that familiar with each other." Su Yan cheeks turned a little red, but her expression did not change.

"In the future, we will grow more familiar with each other." Even though he was in front of such a goddess worshipped by the disciples of the three sects, he still managed to find the humour and guts to tease her a little.

Su Yan did not wish for him to continue and quickly changed the subject, "I will tell you what I think about this place. If you find that my conclusion is inaccurate, do tell me."

"Mm," Yang Kai nods in agreement. Su Yan had been here for 45 days. Naturally, anything that she had to say should be taken into serious consideration.

Su Yan calmed herself down before opening her red lips, "I believe that we were all mistaken. This Inheritance was not meant for one, but for two people. The 10,000 steps of alternating cold and hot energies which seemed to come together in union is the best proof of this."

Yang Kai nodded in agreement. The possibility had crossed his mind, but he could not confirm it.

"The test that both of us experienced is the same, except for the last part. It was a test to check our abilities in controlling one of the two energies. If one is unable to control the energy, they would not be able to reach here." Su Yan lowered her head, displaying her slender neck and whispered in a softer

voice. "Before you arrived, I wasn't too sure of something, but your arrival only makes my thought true. Do you see the thing above us?"

Yang Kai nodded.

"During these 45 days, I have been trying to absorb its energy but have not made any progress. It seems to repel my will. If I'm not wrong, it requires the both of us to work together, to bring it down and obtain the Inheritance of this place!"

Su Yan spoke in a straight and direct tone.

"So, what do you intend to do?" Yang Kai asked.

Since the Inheritance required two people, neither of them had the final say. They would need to verify their actions with one another. No one knew what kind of relationship they would foster once they obtained the Inheritance, but if it requires them to share, there will definitely be some form of change between the both of them.

To Yang Kai, he was glad that his partner was Su Yan. Although she seemed nonchalant and cold on the outside, he knew that she was a gracious and kind person regardless. However, the same feeling could not be said for her. If Su Yan was not willing to participate in this with him, Yang Kai could only reluctantly give up.

Su Yan was obviously hesitating. She could not come to a conclusion on the type of relationship she would have with Yang Kai once they obtained the Inheritance. She recalled the day the boy saved her from death by risking his life to catch her. That moment wiped the hesitation off her face as her disposition towards the boy became warmer.

After a long time of silence, Su Yan closely stared at Yang Kai's face. She wanted to pick up any slight change in expression he might make. "If I were to decline due to the reason of not wanting some external force binding me to a person I was not familiar with, would you be disappointed?"

Yang Kai hesitated for a moment and then nodded, "I would."

Su Yan turned gloomy.

"Nevertheless, I will respect your choice. You have your personal freedom to choose and likewise for me. If you do not wish to do this, then we won't," Yang Kai seemed confident when he spoke and he turned around to walk. "If you don't wish to carry on, then let us go."

"Where are we headed?" Su Yan asked as she slightly tilted her head forward in curiosity.

"To leave, of course," Yang Kai chuckled. "Since we are no longer going to inherit this thing, what's the point of staying here?"

"Who said that I didn't want to inherit it? Since we have climbed all the way up here, how could we possibly return empty handed?" Su Yan gave a slight, cunning smile.

"Are you trying to trick me?" Yang Kai's complexion turned a tone darker, "To think that I would trust you so much to have you deceive me like this."

"I was only probing your thoughts. You don't have to get so angry. Don't men always brag about having a broad mind? Why can't you take a joke from a girl like me?" Su Yan slightly pursed her lips and looked at Yang Kai.

Silavin: BTW, comments are invisible now – you can highlight them to see.

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Yang Kai only sighed. He sat down in front of Su Yan and sighed again, "Su Yan, you are not acting like a Senior Sister right now."

"You are already addressing me directly by my name, what's the point of behaving like a Senior Sister?"

Yang Kai was dumbfounded. Who would have thought that a woman who put up such a cold front would have the gift of the gab?

[Are all women like this?] Yang Kai wondered.

Such small talk gave the both of them an opportunity to connect with one another.

Yang Kai bitterly smiled and raised his hands as though he had surrendered and continued, "Alright, alright, consider me mistaken."

When Su Yan noticed his glibness, she decided to be serious and changed topics and said, "Since we have both decided to do this, let's start."

Yang Kai noticed that she was more anxious than before, but he stayed silent.

"What am I supposed to do?" Yang Kai asked.

"Start revolving your Yang Cultivation Technique," Su Yan instructed before she closed her eyes and began to revolve her Ice Heart Secret Art. Soon, a cold, chilling air was emitting from her.

Watching Su Yan revolve her Cultivation Technique made Yang Kai follow suit quickly with his own. With the True Yang Secret Art revolving, Yang Kai could feel the burning hot Yang Yuan Qi flood through his Meridians.

When both of them started revolving their cultivation technique, the hall they sat in seemed to respond. A loud bang could then be heard, which lingered faintly while they continued. Noticing the response, Su Yan's face was replaced with delight. She had understood that her conclusion was right, that she needed Yang Kai to obtain this Inheritance.

Over time, the ball of energy that suspended over their heads started to descend as if a hand was lightly and slowly pressing down on it.

Both figures of the Dragon and Phoenix within the ball of energy started to transform non-stop. They would appear for a second before disappearing again. This whole process repeated itself blindingly and rapidly as it slowly made their forms clearer over time.

Within half an hour of their revolution, the ball of energy had fallen between both Yang Kai and Su Yan. As the Dragon and the Phoenix started to vibrate more, their forms also became more apparent. They

were flashing more and more intensely as the red and white portions of the ball continued to interact with each other, producing a bright ray of light.

Suddenly, the Dragon roared and the Phoenix then cried, and the ball burst into two separate forms. They quickly turned into a Fire Dragon and an Ice Phoenix respectively, then crashed into Yang Kai and Su Yan's bodies. Both of them shuddered in pain as the figures entered.

When the Fire Dragon entered Yang Kai's body, he discovered that his Meridians were now filled with boundless Yang Energy. It also seemed like new information was delivered to his mind, too.

Afraid to neglect the energy in his body, Yang Kai forced his own True Yang Secret Art to revolve faster. He wanted to quickly turn the excess Yang energy into Yang Liquid but was surprised to find that he was unable to do so.

Soon, he could feel his five senses become sharper. Yang Kai could smell the obvious fragrance that surrounded Su Yan. It was like honey to a bee, causing Yang Kai to find Su Yan irresistible, his heartstrings pulled every time he took another breath of her smell. His heartbeat accelerated as he continued to sniff. Within a few seconds, his dragon welled up due to his primitive urges.

(ICE:Time to put Sisqo unleash the dragon on)

[What is this?] Yang Kai could not help but question. His whole mind seemed to be stuck in confusion after he examined the information he received from the Fire Dragon moments ago. With it, Yang Kai opened his eyes to look at Su Yan, baffled.

When he opened his eyes, he saw that the beautiful Su Yan was pale. Her gentle and graceful body seemed to be freezing as she shivered uncontrollably.

Although cultivating the Ice Heart Secret Art required a cold environment to cultivate, the chill she was experiencing right now far exceeded what she could handle. Yang Kai could also obviously feel the heat within his body quickly exceeding the limits that he could handle too.

Shortly after, Su Yan also opened her eyes. Her dazzling pupils seemed to radiate a certain charm to Yang Kai, as her pale cheeks blushed lightly. Her breathing had become somewhat ragged as her gaze seemed to turn into that of a lover.

Right now, Yang Kai understood the feelings they had for each other. It was as though they eternally longed for the power within the other person.

Yang Kai wished to soothe the heat and dryness within himself with the coldness that Su Yan had. Similarly, Su Yan wished to soothe her ice cold body with the heat from Yang Kai. Their desires were not only from their own body but also from the Dragon and the Phoenix. However, it seemed that the desire allowed both of them to maintain their own consciousness, enabling them to resist their urges.

"This is the Inheritance that we wished for, Su Yan." Yang Kai opened his mouth to speak and to lick his lips. His throat was dry as he looked at Su Yan with eyes red with desire. He wanted so very much to quench his thirst.

"I know..." Su Yan clenched her teeth as her face seemed unwilling to accept the fact of the Inheritance. She was still well aware that this Inheritance can be obtained only with two people. It would force the

two of them to have some special connection with each other, but never would she have thought that the Inheritance would turn out to be something like this. Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art, it was a Cultivation Technique that entered their minds.

Although Su Yan could not verify the rank of this Cultivation Technique, she could tell that it was obviously greater than her Ice Heart Secret Art. The Ice Heart Secret Art was considered a Mystery Rank Cultivation Technique, but it could not handle the cold that the Ice Phoenix instilled in her body. However, the Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art could.

"Isn't this a Dual Cultivation Technique?" Yang Kai could not help but ask as his heart seemed to stop for a moment.

"Erm..." Su Yan replied but her answer felt dreamy. The noise that she made, down to the tone she produced all seemed to be perfect, which only made Yang Kai desire her even more.

"Isn't this considered an Evil Cultivation Technique?" Yang Kai seemed depressed as he spoke. Although his desires to cultivate with Su Yan was not merely caused by the Yang energy, if this was an Evil Cultivation Technique, there might be some detrimental effects.

(ICE: Sex is not evil...it is the cause of such an act that could be)

Su Yan could not help but smile in comfort when the boy looked depressed. Unconsciously, she swayed her body from side to side amorously, showing off her curves while trembling. "A Dual Cultivation Technique does not necessarily mean it is an Evil Cultivation Technique. Gathering Yin to supplement Yang and gathering Yang to supplement Yin is an Evil Cultivation Technique!"

Usually, Su Yan would be embarrassed to discuss this topic with a man. However, her abilities to judge right now was at best impaired, and she had no qualms with sharing her thoughts. Nonetheless, she was still embarrassed as her face still blushed past the paleness.

Currently, she was not the arrogant, strong and beautiful woman that the three sects worshipped as a goddess. She was now merely a woman who desired hot Yuan Qi to flow inside her body.

(Silavin: Awww Yeah!)

"Su Yan..." Yang Kai could not help but call out in desperation.

"..." Su Yan whole face seemed to be in pain as she silently shook her head.

(ICE: Sorry SIL...it's too soon)

(Silavin: D:)

Yang Kai could not help but sigh, "We can try to transfer some energy within our bodies to each other."

When Su Yan heard his words, she bowed down in gratitude. If Yang Kai had wished to pursue the matter any further, she doubted that she would be able to resist the temptation. Even with his suffering, he was still patient and kind enough to respect her will. In return, Su Yan could only show her gratitude.

The two simultaneously closed their eyes and started to revolve their respective Cultivation Techniques again in an attempt to build up the cold and hot energy within their bodies.

Unfortunately, Yang Kai discovered that the more he tried to build up the hot energy within his body, the more dreadful and powerful it became. The emotions and desires within him were only getting harder to resist. The fragrance from Su Yan became so strong that thoughts of filth invaded his mind as he savoured them helplessly.

Soon, Yang Kai's skin turned entirely red. It was as if his whole body was a heated piece of iron. His body was even producing steam as he squinted his eyes in pain. However, the youth had decided not to make any moves as long as Su Yan did not wish for it.

(ICE: A gentleman)

(Silavin: Or a wolf in sheep's clothing? (5)

The Fire Dragon within his body seemed to be getting angry with Yang Kai's adamant resistance. It gave out a roar, causing Yang Kai to almost lose consciousness as his eyes turned even redder and his heartbeat raced like he had just run a marathon. Each beat seemed like a powerful drum, strong and clear, sending out heat waves each time. He could feel the blood throbbing beneath his skin.

The only thing that was on his mind right now was being in Su Yan's embrace, cooling the heat within his body. Su Yan also felt the same. Although it was not her wish, she wanted to soothe the freezing coldness with the heat from Yang Kai. This was the strongest aphrodisiac that could possibly exist; torturing them and fabricating a strong desire to be together. No matter how strong and iron-willed they were, their adamance will lose to their desires.

When Yang Kai's consciousness vanished entirely, his desire quickly suppressed itself.

It was his Golden Skeleton. Yang Kai's own resolve and pride had activated it. Soon, a comfortable feeling flowed through his body and his own consciousness slowly restored, but as he awoke, he heard an amorous moan that caused his heart flutter.

When he snapped his eyes open, Yang Kai was greeted with the sight of Su Yan. Her complexion was ghost pale from the coldness but her face was still flushed with bright red. Her pearl white teeth were nipping on her salacious lips. Her long eyelashes quivered as her whole body shook involuntarily.

"Su Yan! Su Yan!" Yang Kai could not help but shout her name in anxiousness.

Even when her whole body was trembling, Su Yan clenched her teeth, "I can continue to resist. So, don't give up."

"Em!" Yang Kai nodded and continued to furiously build up the burning hot Yang Energy within his body.

It was only thanks to the Golden Skeleton that Yang Kai could manage to maintain his sobriety. Else, he would have acted on instinct!

<u>Chapter 155 – Blasphemy</u>

Even with help from the Golden Skeleton, Yang Kai's struggle did not wane. He could not tell how much longer he could withstand the pain. Even with the Golden Skeleton, the boiling hot Energy was still getting worse. If things were to carry on like this, his whole body was going to burn.

Yang Kai found the situation ironic. Who would think that a Yang Energy cultivator would die from Yang Energy? If one were to explain this situation to him, Yang Kai was sure they would find it hard to believe. Compared to Yang Kai, Su Yan was in a more exacerbating situation. If Yang Kai had not called out to her early on, she would have lost herself to the desires.

(ICE: It has been a long time coming *cough*)

Even with utmost resistance, Su Yan's willpower was faltering.

Though no words were spoken, Su Yan had got on her knees and started crawling towards Yang Kai. Her chest heaved as she panted heavily. Her vision blurred as she lifted her left hand to caress Yang Kai's cheeks.

All her movements were not done consciously. She was still struggling to resist the temptations as the urge grew stronger. Even her ice cold fingers were covered with frost.

For short periods of time, Su Yan would let out groans of pain as she winced.

"Su Yan!" Yang Kai called out to her again. This time, his voice was much softer than before. He did not wish to seem perverted, afraid of being repulsed by Su Yan.

Yang Kai's words seemed to reverberate in her ears as Su Yan's eyes seemed to restore lightly with consciousness. She noticed her own body posture and the tenderness in Yang Kai's eyes.

"I don't think I can resist it any further..." Su Yan finally conceded.

Yang Kai smiled and grabbed her hand. When their bodies made contact, the Dragon roared and the Phoenix cried again. They had also regained their control and consciousness.

This time, the two did not separate from one another. They knew that losing physical contact would only return them to the torturous pain. Their 5 interlocking fingers soon turned to 10 as they shuffled closer to each other. Their eyes were locked together as they felt their hearts palpitate in unison. Another strange sensation welled up, compelling them to advance past holding hands.

"You won't regret this?" Yang Kai chuckled as he caressed Su Yan's hands. They were icy cold but smooth and pleasant to the touch. Holding her hands sent a feeling of comfort throughout his body.

Su Yan face flushed as she hung her head down and said softly, "We've tried our best..."

Yang Kai used his strength to gently lift Su Yan up, sitting her on his lap while embracing her waist. Soon, the two energies with their bodies seem to come together. It was as though they were perfect for each other, giving both a delightful sensation. Even with their self-control fully restored, their bodies still sought for comfort in each other. They could no longer resist their impulses any longer.

"Su Yan," Yang Kai once again called out in a soft, shivering voice. This was the first time he was doing something like this, and he did not know what to do.

Su Yan did not speak but only hid her face, placing her head on Yang Kai's shoulders.

Yang Kai slowly stretched out his hand to caress her neck, pulling her away from his shoulder.

Su Yan's eyelashes shivered as she kept her eyes tightly shut. She leant back, placing her hands on her stomach, tightly hugging herself to calm her anxiousness.

Yang Kai noticed and lightly teased, "There's no need to be so anxious." He had never thought that such a cold, beautiful Senior Sister would be more anxious than him.

He took a deep breath, trying to stabilise his intense and heavy breathing. He brought his lips forward and connected with Su Yan's succulent lips.

At first, Su Yan's whole body froze solid due to the sudden kiss. She slowly relaxed after Yang Kai stroked her arms. Once she was ready to accept him, Yang Kai moved in his tongue, splitting apart her cold lips and opening her pearl white teeth, provoking her.

As sounds of periodic sucking resounded throughout the main hall, both of Su Yan's hands finally wrapped around Yang Kai's neck, wishing for more. She had lost all resistance. The urge for the heat within Yang Kai had peaked; preventing her from maintaining her own disposition.

Soon, pieces of clothing start to loosen. One by one, they were conveniently removed by Yang Kai, tossed aside with haste. When he put aside her undergarments, that she started to blush even heavier. Out of pure embarrassment, she quickly moved her hands to cover her chest.

Yang Kai took the opportunity to look at the beauty in front of him. Her figure was perfect. Every inch of her skin was smooth, glimmering with health. Her breasts were perfect, not too big and not too small, the perfect size to fill his two eager hands. Her belly seemed to be made of the finest silk, smooth without excrescence and perfectly defined. Without a doubt, even the saints of the world would have their lust invoked in the presence of such a sight. Naturally, Yang Kai could no longer keep his dark desires sealed up.

Su Yan's body returned to her usual colour. Love surged out from the innermost sanctum of her heart.

Yang Kai stretched out his hands to pull Su Yan's arms away. At first, she resisted but she soon let go as well.

Yang Kai was secretly delighted that he was able to be together with Su Yan. Such an icy and noble beauty, it would be hard for anyone to approach her, let alone be intimate with her. It was only with the inheritance of the Dual Cultivation Technique, that he was able to claim her purity.

Such an honour only reinforced Yang Kai's lustful desires. No longer able to hold himself back, he gave out a low groan, clutching Su Yan's body like a beast with its prey. Even when the girl yipped in surprise, he did not stop. He lifted her up and spread her shimmering thighs apart.

(Silvain: Beast!)

"I've heard that it is a little painful at first, so you'll need to bear with it," Yang Kai lustfully informed her.

Su Yan still had her eyes shut. As her whole body froze with nervousness, she could only give a slight nod.

Yang Kai slowly lowered her body. Inch by inch, Su Yan could feel a spear enter her. The piercing sensation numbed her whole body, from her abdomen to her head. She felt like her whole body was unresponsive. She had a great urge to squeal in pain, but she gritted her teeth and braved Yang Kai's

entry. Her two arms quickly wrapped around Yang Kai's neck in hope of support as her body convulsed as droplets of tears emerged from the corners of her eyes. It was at this moment that she wished to beat Yang Kai into a pulp. She screamed in her head, [You call this a little pain? A little?!]

It was only after a good amount of time did the pain subside. In its place was a strange sensation, as though something in a void was being filled up. The unprecedented sensation gave Su Yan the embarrassing urge to sway her body from side to side, trying to feel Yang Kai even more.

"Start revolving the Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art!" Yang Kai sounded off in a low voice. Su Yan cracked opened her eyes to see a beast-like man with red, lusty eyes. However, those eyes still emitted ripples of calmness and tender love towards the person within its gaze. Looking at them made Su Yan's heart skip a beat as she made a slight bow and quickly followed Yang Kai's lead; she began revolving Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art together with Yang Kai.

When the Cultivation Technique began its revolution, Yang Kai and Su Yan moaned together. The Ice Phoenix and Fire Dragon within their bodies both followed. Suddenly, the two mystical beasts calmed down as a gush of pleasant sensations flooded both their minds and bodies. Vigorous Yuan Qi shuttled between the two of them, passing through their conjoined sacred parts and spreading throughout their bodies, merging and blending within.

Even in such an intimate position, the two of them were solemn and silent. They were too occupied with circulating their Yuan Qi into each other. Yang Kai could feel a great amount of power rushing into his body from Su Yan. The Yin Yuan Qi within her body was over a hundred times more potent than the Yang Yuan Qi he had in his Meridians. It was like comparing a toddler to an adult.

The difference in strength was so obvious that Su Yan slowed down her revolution of the Cultivation Technique. She had to do so. Yang Kai could no longer keep up.

Being connected and simultaneously revolving the Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art Cultivation Technique allowed them to have a unique connection with each other. They were both able to feel their bodies touching while their spirits mixed. All of a sudden, they felt as though they had known each other for years. In their life, no one could be more important than the person in front of them right now.

With each revolution, the Fire Dragon within Yang Kai and the Ice Phoenix within Su Yan seemed to gradually dissipate. They had completed their function; to force the two lovers to copulate and cultivate the Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art. Since their duty was completed, there was no longer any need to stay. The beasts did not enter their Meridians nor their Dantian. One would typically think that they had completely disappeared, although Yang Kai felt that they were still hiding somewhere within their bodies.

(Silavin: Bye my friends. I hope to see you again soon!)

(ICE: A bit disappointed that they are not enjoying the moment, just cultivating)

As the Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art continued to revolve, the energy in their meridians from the Ice Phoenix and the Fire Dragon were slowly substituted with their respective Yin and Yang Yuan Qi. Unfortunately, their difference in strength was too vast for Su Yan to feel much difference; to her, it felt like a pebble splashing into the ocean.

Discovering their difference in Yuan Qi vigour only left Yang Kai feeling awkward.

"There is no need to worry. Just take your time." Su Yan gently comforted Yang Kai through her mind. She was well aware of Yang Kai's current complex feelings and wished to console him. Yang Kai kept silent only to suddenly explode ten drops of Yang Liquid within his Dantian. In that instant, True Yang Yuan Qi flooded through Yang Kai's veins and burst into Su Yan's body.

Su Yan was taken by surprise. She had no idea how Yang Kai was able to suddenly produce so much Yuan Qi. An Initial Element 8 Stage cultivator would never be able to have so much Yuan Qi within their body. Her surprise was quickly suppressed as she felt the need to concentrate on revolving the Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art. With a flood of energy that was equal to hers, she needed to quickly build it up to continue the steady flow between the both of them.

Another eruption of Yang Liquid occurred. This time, it was 30 drops. With all of that, Yang Kai could feel his Meridians on the edge of rupturing. Without Su Yan as his partner for the Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art, Yang Kai knew that he would have died from blowing all 30 drops. A single drop was sufficient to flood his whole Meridians with True Yang Yuan Qi, and even three drops would likely end in the destruction of his Meridians. With Su Yan's cultivation level, they were able to achieve something he would have never been able to alone.

Silavin: Due to CNY, we will be taking a break for awhile. So, see you guys in the future XD!

Chapter 156 – Qi Transformation Stage

"Ouch..." Yang Kai shook his shoulder.

Su Yan released her lips and gracefully smiled back at Yang Kai, "I have learned that your body harbours some kind of secret!"

Yang Kai did not seem capable of replying properly as he was still completely infatuated with Su Yan, and instead proceeded to flirt, "Has anyone ever told you that your smile makes the world brighter?"

(Silavin: Thanks. Shall use that quote on a girl in the future (5))

Su Yan's face turned completely red as her hand moved to her hair, twirling it around her fingers. She whispered, "Then... I won't smile at anyone except for you."

(Silavin: Awww... only capable of saying this in novels... sorry girls)

Yang Kai felt bliss and euphoria flood through his body. He quickly restrained his thoughts and with a hint of loneliness in his voice, he reminded, "Let's cultivate first."

Su Yan agreed with a slight nod.

Yang Kai used 30 drops of Yang Liquid, which was quickly devoured by Su Yan, and he received an equivalent amount of Yin Yuan Qi, all of which was absorbed by his Golden Skeleton. This discovery left Yang Kai thrilled. Although the Yang Liquid within him was important, the Golden Skeleton was more important. To be able to convert the Yin Yuan Qi into an energy that he can store within his Golden Skeleton was a celebratory discovery.

Currently, Yang Kai did not feel any discomfort. There was almost definitely supposed to be some form of backlash in expending 30 drops of Yang Liquid in one go, but his body was perfectly fine. Knitting his brows, Yang Kai wondered. He exploded 5 drops of Yang Liquid before feeling a familiar ache within his meridians. How was it possible for him to now explode 5 Yang Liquid drops and then feel the ache? Previously, he could have hardly have tolerated 2 explosions of Yang Liquid. He deduced that from the cultivation, his meridians expanded.

[Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art is simply too amazing!] Yang Kai thought to himself.

When all the Yang Yuan Qi energy from another 30 drops of Yang Liquid was devoured by Su Yan; and in return, the equivalent amount of Yin Yuan Qi from Su Yan was absorbed into Yang Kai's Golden Skeleton, Yang Kai's body ferociously trembled. The air around him formed a whirlwind as their scattered clothing was swept further away from the two nude lovers. An invisible field of air that seemed to surround Yang Kai finally erupted. A burst of energy spread out, gradually subsiding. He had suddenly broken through to Initial Element Stage 9!

When Su Yan realised what had just happened, she was also brimming with joy. Similar to Yang Kai, she rejoiced in his achievement, although Yang Kai was more calm than excited. He now had a faint sense of anticipation for the benefits of the Dual Cultivation Technique. Who would have thought that he would break through so quickly?

When Yang Kai analysed his state, he learned that after he had spent 65 drops of Yang Liquid to pierce a small boundary using the Dual Cultivation Technique with Su Yan, the Yang Liquid within his Dantian had become purer. Although the amount seemed to be insufficient for another breakthrough, his achievement in a purer Yang Liquid was much more valuable.

Clenching his teeth, Yang Kai once again exploded another 50 drops of Yang Liquid and started to revolve the Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art. His Yang Yuan Qi flooded into Su Yan's body, robbing the girl of speech. The first explosion had already taken her by surprise. The second flood only terrified her a little. With the third eruption of Yang Yuan Qi even greater than before, she could no longer contain herself.

[Just where is all his Yuan Qi coming from?] Su Yan wondered. She didn't say a word, being simply grateful of the situation.

Yang Kai was a man with whom she had become intimate. If he could survive such reckless cultivation and live without accidents, it was probable that she will spend her whole life together with him.

When she looked towards Yang Kai's tender gaze and his smiling face, her heart raced. It did not feel abnormal when they were immersed in cultivation, but when she thought about how she behaved, she felt embarrassed. She was riding him, sitting on his lap; hands hugging his neck, lips continuously moist, connected as one. Within her abdomen was a burning hot rod that filled up her body and mind, transmitting Yang Kai's fierce heat pulse. Each pulse caused her whole body to turn soft, her mind muddled as she could not find the least bit of strength to extract herself from his pole. She would never have thought that she would maintain such a posture with a man, let alone intimacy. Cultivating the Ice Heart Secret Art froze not only her mind but her heart as well. How would it be possible to even dream of a man stealing her heart?

Su Yan anticipated living a long, lonely life. The Inheritance of the Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art changed that. Now, she had an unbreakable bond with a man she hardly knew. She was not filled with repulse or regret, however, and instead was over the moon.

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(Ice: Calm down it's not only about their union here)

After a short amount of time, Su Yan found the courage to look at Yang Kai. Her gaze was extremely gentle and tender. Noticing her gaze, Yang Kai called out, "Su Yan..." He was still full of lust as his fiery gaze concentrated on Su Yan's perfect face. Even after the disappearance of the Fire Dragon and Ice Phoenix, Yang Kai still had the desire to continue and extend beyond what they had already done. It seemed to have completely destroyed his consciousness as he felt the wetness.

Su Yan bit her own luscious red lips and used both her hands to caress Yang Kai's cheeks, placing her forehead against his. She struggled for a moment but then spoke with a little reluctance, "Let's not do it first. It's more important for me to help you break through." She found it hard to refuse her lover as her heart still desired for him. However, for his own benefit, she found the determination to refuse his request.

When Su Yan stopped talking, a burst of Yin Yuan Qi rushed into Yang Kai's body, forcing him to quickly concentrate on revolving the Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art. He held his breath and stabilised his breathing as he slowly closed his fiery, crazed eyes while accepting all of Su Yan's energy.

Yang Kai was well aware that Su Yan's actions were detrimental to herself, but even at the cost of her diminishing strength, he could not refuse her selfless sacrifice. His Meridians were full of Yuan Qi from Su Yan's flood of energy. They bulged thickly to the extent of almost bursting with pain, but he did not ask her to stop. When Su Yan noticed Yang Kai was reaching his limit, the Yuan Qi fluctuation around them simmered down. She stopped in case of injuring Yang Kai.

"Continue!" Yang Kai spoke with his eyes closed and remained silent.

"But ... "

"Just continue!"

Su Yan obeyed Yang Kai's wish and resumed pouring her Yuan Qi into him.

When the two were cultivating the Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art, the Yuan Qi within their bodies did not drain. In fact, the total amount remained constant as it travelled between the two lovers' bodies. This advantage is something that other Cultivation Techniques could never hope to compare to.

After a long time, the Yuan Qi flooding within Yang Kai became more unbearable. The excruciation within his Meridians made his body quiver as beads of cold sweat rolled off his forehead, but he did not complain or cry out as he kept silent.

"Don't stop!" Yang Kai gave a pained roar.

Su Yan's beautiful eyes shook as she hesitated. She did not dare to invest more of her Yuan Qi into his body out of fear of injuring him, but she could feel Yang Kai's unyielding will. It was a will to get stronger. It was a will to be strong enough to protect his own woman.

Yang Kai would not be in such a rush if he had never gotten together with her. However, their relationship has blossomed after experiencing such connection. With their strength disparity right now, Yang Kai could not remain as calm as he used to be. He needed to be able to protect her as her man; he wished to be able to protect her because he loved her. It goes without saying that that means he would have to be stronger.

Su Yan understood what was in Yang Kai's mind; it was a touching sentiment. After hesitating for a long time, she continued to pour Yuan Qi into Yang Kai.

The Yuan Qi gradually got fiercer. It was like a wild animal trapped in a cage, ramming against the door hoping to escape. When Su Yan noticed what was happening to Yang Kai, she paused the transferral yet again. She knew that Yang Kai was about to break through. When the Yuan Qi within a Cultivator acts like this, it indicates that the Cultivator was about to progress to the Qi Transformation Stage. At that moment, Yang Kai no longer had a pained expression. The pain had vanished. The Yuan Qi swishing within his body did not cause any damage to his Meridians. Instead, his Meridians were now more tenacious, improving his ability to bear all the Yuan Qi.

One layer of invisible shackles seemed to attach to Yang Kai, preventing him from breaking through. This was the same feeling he had when he broke through the Initial Element Stage. Breaking these invisible shackles was his key to advancing to the Qi Transformation Stage.

When Yang Kai noticed this resistance, he immersed himself into his own body and noticed that the Yuan Qi inside was getting more aggressive by the minute.

The bones within his body began to seep out energy. This caused Yang Kai's body to be wrapped in an evil aura, startling Su Yan, but she refused to disturb Yang Kai at such a critical juncture. After a moment, the evil aura vanished leaving behind no trace; the Yuan Qi fluctuations within Yang Kai's body became acutely wild. He slowly opened his eyes, smiling. He had reached the Qi Transformation Stage! Thanks to Su Yan's help, he had achieved this breakthrough smoothly.

Bang Bang.. Sounds similar to thunderclaps resonated throughout the entire Heaven's Cave Inheritance, swaying the place slightly. Meanwhile, the energy that filled the space within the main hall of the palace turned to whirlwinds, rushing into Yang Kai. This was an entirely natural phenomenon after a Big Boundary breakthrough. The World's Prestige would enter the body, tampering with the body's blood and physique, strengthening the Cultivator in question. When Yang Kai broke through the Initial Element Stage, he had also experienced the World's Prestige, but it was nothing compared to the size he is absorbing now.

Opening his eyes, he saw Su Yan's worried face. Yang Kai gave a smile, "I'll give you something."

While he spoke, he fished into his Golden Skeleton and sent half of the Nine Yin Dew Crystal to Su Yan.

Feeling something icy cold enter her, Su Yan seemed happy and asked, "What is this?"

"It's called the Nine Yin Dew Crystal. It's said that this is extremely useful for Cultivators in the True Element Stage." Yang Kai spoke while he stroked Su Yan's clean, lustrous back intentionally, "Build it up while I temper my body."

"Good!" Su Yan docilely nodded.

Even if Su Yan built up the Nine Yin Dew Crystal, the effects would be inferior to that displayed by Xia Ning Cheng by 10 percent. However, only 20 percent of its effects would be sufficient in making up for Su Yan's cost in aiding Yang Kai. Nonetheless, the effects of the Nine Yin Dew Crystal would improve Su Yan's strength.

<u>Chapter 157 – I Will Listen To You When The Matter is Trivial, but for Important Matters, You'll Listen to Me.</u>

In two days, Yang Kai was done tempering his body. With the assistance of the World's Prestige, his flesh, blood and physique had been forged to become more formidable. Meanwhile, half of the Yuan Qi that remained from the breakthrough had been absorbed by the Golden Skeleton, similar to the time when he broke through the Initial Element Boundary. However, to avoid disturbing Su Yan while she was still building up the Nine Yin Dew Crystals, Yang Kai dared not move after he was done. He could only remain motionless and suppress his desires.

(Silavin: Talk about cock block...)

After a day, Su Yan's eyelids fluttered and she slowly opened them up. Her eyes glimmered with joy and excitement. When Yang Kai first saw her gaze, his spirit shook and his breathing became heavier. He had suppressed himself for a long time, waiting for her to awaken.

Staring at each other, Su Yan spoke, "Thank you!"

When Su Yan opened her eyes, she could feel that her body had changed tremendously. Building up the Nine Yin Dew Crystals did not only make up for her loss of Yuan Qi when she aided Yang Kai's breakthrough; her True Yuan Qi had become much purer than before. Cultivating with Yang Kai and building up the Nine Yin Dew Crystal had made her at least 30% stronger. True Yuan Qi revolved within her body around her limbs and bones, restlessly distributing to every living cell in her a Life Force. She was understandably joyous at this discovery, as it made her seem like an immortal that descended from the heavens.

After cultivating the Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art and building up the Nine Yin Dew Crystals, it was as though her skin had returned to what it was in the past. Every inch of it had returned to that of a newborn; snow white, clear and incomparably beautiful.

"As long as it's between us, why is it necessary to thank me?" Yang Kai replied somewhat absentmindedly. In the past, Su Yan gave him an ice-cold, noble feeling of desolateness. Even now with their intimacy, he could not help but feel inferior when compared to her.

Su Yan gave a warm and comforting, tender smile. She could understand Yang Kai clearly, even if he did not speak. "That's right! You've just broken through to the Qi Transformation Stage! Such a boundary is very special!" Su Yan added joyfully.

Yang Kai quickly interrupted her, "Does it not seem wrong to be talking about the Qi Transformation Stage in our current position?"

Su Yan stared at Yang Kai as she immediately turned red. Yang Kai displayed a faint but coy smile. His waist had been feeling quite stiff. Instinct told him to move, but out of consideration for Su Yan, he refused to. This resistance left his mind to groan in despair constantly.

At this moment, Su Yan felt as though she was thrown up into the clouds, only to fall down into an abyss. The up and down movement gave her so much pleasure and joy that she lost all control. As a young man and woman, their bodies were much more sensitive; causing each gentle movement to be highly stimulating and pleasurable.

As Su Yan moaned in pleasure, Yang Kai became more unrestrained. He shuffled his hands around the pair of breasts in front of him, fondling, rubbing and pinching every inch of them, burying his head in between, enjoying every moment of the sensation. He would kiss them with loud, heavy and uncontrollable breathing.

Su Yan's luscious hair moved in waves as she wrapped her hands around Yang Kai's head, wishing to bury it further into her chest. Her slender and beautiful legs could not help but coil around Yang Kai's waist. While her body was moving up and down, she swayed her body from side to side and moaned with lustful happiness.

Suddenly while in the midst of everything, Su Yan tugged Yang Kai's hair and asked, "Wait!"

(Silavin: 🙁)

"What?" Yang Kai looked at her with confusion as their movements gradually come to a stop.

Su Yan was like a mute as she gasped for breath. It took some time for her breathing to calm. While her skin was still red and her eyes filled with surging love, she lightly bit her lips and asked, "Did you call for me a moment ago?"

"No..." Yang Kai sternly shook his head.

"Really?" Yang Kai's confirmation only made her more anxious. She became confused as she thought she had clearly heard someone call out to her.

(Silavin: Old Demon! Was it you?!)

"I did not say your name!" Yang Kai spoke as he looked in her eyes.

"You're lying!" Su Yan cried out but she saw Yang Kai's truthful gaze and knew that she was wrong. Without wasting another second, Yang Kai began to move on Su Yan again as they continued to indulge in pleasure.

Yang Kai used both his hands to grapple onto Su Yan and turned her body around. With her back facing him, Yang Kai took in the sight and felt his body stir in ardour as his eyes only went madder with love.

In the past, Yang Kai caught an unclear glimpse of this very sight at night in a small garret, though she was still wearing her underwear and the darkness made it hard for him to capture her magnificent figure wholly. This time, she was unable to escape. Every inch of her was out in the open and laid down for

Yang Kai to appreciate. Her soft graceful curves, slender shoulder, thin, smooth waist and plentifully filled peach-colored buttocks were all features capable of igniting any man's libido. Yang Kai could only thank the heavens for this great opportunity.

(Silavin: Damn! Thank the heavens 😂)

All of a sudden, a life-like Ice Phoenix moved about on Su Yan's clean, white and smooth back. From time to time, it would perch on Su Yan's shoulder and at other times, fall to her buttocks. Its movements were unpredictable as it slid throughout Su Yan's body.

[So this is where the Ice Phoenix went!] Yang Kai thought to himself as he could feel something hot moving on his back. [They are still inside our bodies! It's just that they have turned into tattoos!]

Yang Kai began moving again in their new position.

The whole place turned into the two lovers' utopia as they continued to embrace each other. The moist atmosphere filled the entire hall as intermittent sounds of heavy breathing and moaning reflected off the walls. They were like fishes in a pond, perfect for each other as they continued to give and take, presenting everything to one another and displaying their love.

(Silavin: Give and take haha! Never thought of that phrase to be sexual)

(Skoll: This reminds me of two koi fish in a pond, representing Yin and Yang. https://ih0.redbubble.net/image.116962605.8991/flat,800×800,075,f.u3.jpg)

Within the main hall, the chaotic aura still lingered, although Yang Kai and Su Yan were already neatly dressed. Su Yan sat in front of an ice mirror that she had made out of her True Yuan Qi. Although she could see her ruddy cheeks in the reflection, she still remained calm. Meanwhile, Yang Kai stood behind her, reorganising her beautiful but disorderly hair for her. A warm aura of quietness shrouded the two as they continued.

Being re-transformed into a woman, Su Yan seemed even more beautiful than before. Her gaze was still cold, maybe colder than before, but the sight of Yang Kai turns it tender and gentle. She watched him arrange and fix her hair and passed an ornamental hairpin to him and the boy inserted it into her hair. The hairstyle Su Yan usually kept had changed, now it revealed her bright, clean and well-proportioned neck. Yang Kai commented, "Gorgeous."

"Do you like it?"

"Mhm," Yang Kai nodded and brought his two hands to Su Yan's shoulders. Although they had just done the deed, the tension did not die off. In such a short amount of time, these tensions would not be resolved.

Even when their skin connected and Yang Kai slowly slid his hand down, Su Yan did not move. She only smiled softly, showing disapproval. When Yang Kai's hands arrived at her chest, she grabbed them.

"Su Yan," Yang Kai bends down as he moved his lips towards Su Yan's earlobes. While they were exploring each other earlier on, Yang Kai had found out that Su Yan was extremely sensitive in areas that she did not wish for Yang Kai to touch. The back of her earlobes was one of those.

"Stop!" Su Yan shouted out as she knew that once Yang Kai kisses that spot, she would be incapable of resisting his desires. "We need to discuss some important matters clearly first," she quickly changed the subject.

"What important matters?" Yang Kai restrained himself and moved to her front and sat down.

Su Yan stroke his face. With blurry eyes, she stared at Yang Kai for a short while before asking, "Just how old are you?"

Yang Kai took a light sniff and confidently answered, "20!" Yang Kai's facial features looked a little unnatural as his gaze drifted from place to place. "I'm not lying!"

Su Yan gave him a light smirk and did not respond.

(ICE: The eye that reveals all truths)

Yang Kai felt like he was sitting on pins and needles. Discomfort and uncertainty filled his mind as he reluctantly whispered, "I'm 15, but I'm going to reach 16 soon!"

"I'm 20 right now. I'm older than you, so you have to listen to me from now on."

Yang Kai grinned, "I will listen to you when the matter is trivial, but for important matters, you'll listen to me."

(Silavin: cheeky boy)

Su Yan sighed but her gaze still remained filled with love and gentleness. With her delicate hand still resting on Yang Kai's face, she spoke, "You are still young. Indulging in such lustful matters isn't good for you."

"Age isn't an issue," Yang Kai looked at Su Yan. As they looked at each other, Yang Kai's brows slightly knitted together as he looked at her with profound meaning, "Besides, you're doing the same thing."

Su Yan's face flushed again as she stared at him and quickly rebuked, "You're not allowed to tease me!"

"I'm not... I'm telling the truth..."

"From now on, you are not permitted to think of such things!" Su Yan demanded.

(Silavin: Damn Su Yan, why you gotta be so harsh D:)

(ICE: It's for his sake....he needs to learn moderation)

Yang Kai felt like his soul left his body. His change in expression only made Su Yan's ice cold heart turn softer and she quickly tried to comfort him. "If you promise to concentrate on cultivating and not this, I will look for you in a month's time."

(Silavin: Oh no! once a month?)

Yang Kai was quick to jump to bargain, "How about five times a month?"

Su Yan intentionally remained cold and silent.

"Four times? How about three? Isn't two times too little?"

"Fine... once a month..." Yang Kai finally complied, but he knew that as long as he kisses the back of Su Yan's earlobes, she would become a helpless lamb, free for him to devour.

"It's not my wish to limit you. I know that Dual Cultivation is very beneficial for us, but your body is too weak. When you grow more in a few more years, I will certainly increase the frequency." Su Yan spoke with an extremely soft, coercing voice, "So, please endure and get stronger for the next few years."

Her earnest words struck a chord within Yang Kai as he nodded.

"So, you've just broken through to the Qi Transformation Stage..."

"Yeah, I know..." Yang Kai thought aloud.

Su Yan gave a nod and removed a jade-like necklace from her neck and moved on to explain, "You should know by now that this boundary is special for every cultivator. So, you must be careful and take care of yourself." She wrapped the necklace around Yang Kai's neck.

Chapter 158 – Return

Yang Kai looked down, only to discover a square jade pendant hanging on his neck, calming his agitated nerves.

"This is the Ice Jade Marrow. I have worn it since I was a child. Since it has always been on my body it also absorbed a lot of my True Yuan. You must always wear it on your body; at a critical moment, it can help you calm your nerves.

"Is this a gift to your lover or something like that?" Yang Kai looked at Su Yan with a smile.

Su Yan was embarrassed, but she nodded gently.

Yang Kai patted down his own body to look for something to give her in return, but he had nothing appropriate for her.

The most precious things on his body were the Soul Breaking Awl and the Yin Yang Monster Ginseng.

There was no chance for him to give The Soul Breaking Awl to her since it's an immensely evil item and the Old Demon's immortal soul was in it as well. It would only harm Su Yan. The Yin Yang Monster Ginseng could be given, but it was only a Heavenly Spiritual Herb and did not have the same value as a token.

Scratching his nose awkwardly, he decided to promise, "I will give you a token in the near future."

"You have already given me a lot of Nine Yin Dew Crystals," Su Yan said with a smile.

"You really are a good person," Yang Kai said from the bottom of his heart.

"Don't praise me, it's making my heart race," Su Yan panted for breath and covering her chest with her hand. After cultivating Yin-Yang Joyous Unification Art, her original Ice Heart Secret Art was basically useless facing Yang Kai. He became the most difficult adversary for her as his every word, every deed, every action and every movement pulled her mind towards him.

"Hehehe!" Yang Kai gave an incomparable happy smile and giggled like a baby. In the whole world, who could make such a proud women melt? Only he could do it.

Generally, if a husband could make his wife feel this way, what more could he want from life?

It could be said that if not for this good fortune in the Heaven's Cave Inheritance, Yang Kai knew that he and Su Yan would never be together. There is no one who could be appropriate for her in this entire world. Even Yang Kai thought that he wasn't suited to be joined to her. He wasn't belittling himself, but Su Yan had such a noble aura it was hard to imagine tainting her.

"After returning, what do you plan to do?" Su Yan asked.

"What will I do?"

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"I meant to say what path will you choose to tread on?" Su Yan looked like a guardian fulfilling her duty and considered for Yang Kai's future. "There is also our relationship to think about."

"I don't know," Yang Kai said knitting his brows, "Explain clearly."

Su Yan gave a faint sweet smile, "Well at present I have I think you have two paths before you that you can take."

"The first choice is to publicise our relationship. By my current status in the school, as long as our relationship is public, you will be vigorously trained. You won't need to worry about contribution points ever again, in the future martial skills, medicinal pills, secret treasures will be available for you anytime."

"Are you testing me?" Yang Kai asked Su Yan with a smile.

She shook her head and replied seriously, "No I am asking you earnestly."

Yang Kai turned his head. He could clearly imagine what turbulence his relationship with Su Yan, if publicised, would bring.

He and Su Yan were like the earth and sky, impossible to be conjoined. At present, in the common people's eyes, Yang Kai would be envied and it would also affect Su Yan's image heavily. Without even considering all the Elders, his apprentice brothers would nose around Su Yan to choose them as they are many times better than him.

Yang Kai did not think that Su Yan could face the rumours and slandering of common people with such confidence.

"You do not need to bear such a psychological burden. I am a man who can look after himself."

Then Yang Kai said with a serious look, "This proposition is very tempting, but it is not meant for me."

Su Yan, as if she expected that answer, didn't feel any surprise. She only smiled.

Yang Kai clenched his fists, looked down and said, "For my cultivation, I will depend on myself. I don't want to depend on you."

Su Yan said replied, "Although I am a little sad hearing you say this, I am also really happy. In that case, we can only take the second road."

Yang Kai says with a smile, "Yes, I will mature as soon as possible."

The second road was for Yang Kai to only depend on himself for cultivation.

"I will wait for you to become strong enough to protect me," Su Yan said in a soft voice.

"It won't take long," Yang Kai took Su Yan's hand, raised it to his lips to kiss, then suddenly remembering the incident, he said, "Su Yan, when we leave, you might experience some trouble."

"Hmm?" Su Yan looked at him full of doubts.

Yang Kai reorganised his thoughts then said seriously, "Disciples of our three sects came for the inheritance of this place. We struck and killed the nine monster beasts and activated the formation, making the place of inheritance show itself. The disciples who had climbed the endless steps numbered around 700-800, and they all experienced the alternate cold and hot steps. Your strength in the three schools is the strongest and you also cultivate a cold attribute cultivation technique. Now can you understand what everyone is thinking?"

Su Yan gawked, she was only considering Yang Kai and had not thought about herself. But now, listening to Yang Kai, she was suddenly enlightened, "They will think that inheritance of this place was obtained by me."

"Absolutely, I think many people are thinking the same thing now." Yang Kai gave his analysis.

Su Yan gave a confident smile, "I will just say that I had not obtained the inheritance; even if have obtained it I wouldn't need to give them any explanation."

"It would be better if you don't acknowledge it! Do not acknowledge it to anyone. I have a feeling that the appearance of this Heaven's Cave Inheritance will not only involve our three schools."

Hearing his words, Su Yan concurred. She didn't care about the experts of the three schools but she couldn't disregard the experts from the others. Once she confirmed that she acquired the inheritance, she would be in for a lot of unnecessary attention, potentially trouble.

Su Yan nodded her head again and again and said, "I know."

She was also gratified at heart. Making the three sects' disciples focus on her would leave a clear road for Yang Kai. Everyone would think that the inheritance could only be obtained by one person and no one would know that it had to be shared between two people.

She looked at Yang Kai and complimented, "You can think really far ahead."

Yang Kai smiled bitterly and stated, "The big powers cannot let go of a rare item. They have the belief that every rare thing can only belong to them, and they would do everything to get it."

Su Yan stared at him. She felt that his words held a lot of truth and was said from experience. She thought that her junior apprentice brother had a lot of secrets.

"I will tell you everything when the time comes." Yang Kai said while patting her hand.

"Alright. Even if you do not, it'll be ok," Su Yan said with a nod.

"We should leave, there is nothing left for us here, Yang Kai stood up. The main hall was very spacious and aside from the huge energy ball that still hovered, there wasn't anything else.

After they obtained the inheritance, a light barrier appeared; it was probably a portal.

Holding Su Yan's hand, Yang Kai walked into the light barrier.

Their forms disappeared from the main hall simultaneously. Right then, a loud sound similar to glass breaking echoed around the entire Heaven's Cave Inheritance.

Then, at the same time, cracks spread across the Inheritance site. The disciples who were still present felt their immortal souls experience some stimulation and were unable to identify the cause of it.

An unknown energy wrapped around them and took them slowly up towards the sky. They were helpless.

At the mining area of the Bloody Battle Gang, after the opening of Heaven's Cave Inheritance, the powerhouses of three sects guarded that place, waiting for their disciples to come out.

It had already been a month since it opened. During that period, many disciples had already left the Heaven's Cave Inheritance. They were people who were either injured or were unable to persevere any further.

From them, the experts of three sects also roughly guessed the situation inside.

The experts of the three sects were irritated because they found that the inheritance had finally appeared, but didn't know in whose hand it fell.

Each sect had a lot of expectations for their promising youths.

High Heaven Pavilion's Su Yan and Xie Hongchen, Bloody Battle Gang's Hu Jiao Er and Long Jun, Storm House's Fang Ziji, they were the youths with a lot of potential in the younger generation.

That insane old man's female apprentice, High Heaven Pavilion's Xia Ning Chang might have obtained the inheritance.

But that old man was very relaxed as he sat at the site when the Inheritance opened, then noticing that his apprentice had not appeared. Soon after, he departed alone and hadn't come back since.

[What an irresponsible master!] The experts of three sects saw him as such and threw distasteful criticisms at Meng Wu Ya.

The existence of the inheritance made the three sects hostile towards each other, and an intensely competitive atmosphere spread among them, particularly among Bloody Battle Gang troops.

They viewed the acts of High Heaven Pavilion and Storm House as nothing less than robbery while they cursed at Meng Wu Ya with no sign of stopping. If not for him fighting with the expert of Bloody Battle Gang at the mining site, it would be impossible to expose the existence of the Heaven's Cave Inheritance to others.

This was the wealth of the Bloody Battle Gang that was now being snatched by the other two schools. Although they were compensated for it, nothing could be compared to such a glorious inheritance

"*****!" Hu Man cursed his subordinates for several days, but he didn't dare to scold Meng Wu Ya. He was angry at Long Zai Tian and Long Hui.

That ***** little animal provoked Meng Wu Ya and made such a mess. If he hadn't done that, things would not have turned out the way they did. It's good that he died. Even if you hadn't ***** died earlier, I, your Father would have torn you to shreds by now. Long Family.... The Long Family wouldn't be able to save you.

It wasn't only Hu Man who disliked the Long Family now. There was a great dissatisfaction among other experts of the Bloody Battle Gang. Long Zai Tian knew that he had done wrong this time, and he was beaten badly by Meng Wu Ya one month ago. It made him scared to appear in the area. Right now, he focused only on recuperating at the Bloody Battle Gang headquarters.

But considering the news of the death of his grandson, could this hatred be so easily absolved?

[Sooner or later, I will make you pay in blood,] Long Zai Tian swore secretly within his heart.

While the experts of three sects waited anxiously, a light barrier suddenly appeared on the site. It was akin to ripples appearing on the surface when a pebble drops into a tranquil lake.

In the next instance, the light barrier suddenly collapsed, leaving behind a big hole in the mineral lode.

"Is someone there?" Hu Man asked nervously. The Heaven's Cave Inheritance vanished but the disciples of the three sects hadn't appeared. Both his daughters were inside. What happened to them?

Hu Man was not alone in being worried; other experts felt the same. Elite Disciples of their sects entered the Heaven's Cave Inheritance, and they still have not shown up.

As they watched the scene unfold, they heard someone call miserably not from far away.

A Storm House's elder's complexion changed, and he hurried to move forward.

Chapter 159 – Returning to the Sect

When the Elder returned from the site, he was followed by the wounded disciples of Storm House. Under the inquiry of the Storm House experts, the disciples narrated the occurrences in the Heaven's Cave Inheritance.

After a few moments, the Bloody Battle Gang and High Heaven Pavilion experts also found their respective disciples in the surroundings. The experts breathed a sigh of relief.

They discovered that the disciples that came out were dispersed to each corner of Black Wind Forest.

Although the experts were puzzled by this strange scene, they knew it must have been done to protect the inheritor of the cave master's inheritance.

The experts of the three sects were bustling about in the Black Wind Forest, searching for their respective disciples. They were extremely cautious towards them. They were more sincere and cautious

when compared to their past behaviour because they didn't know who could grow to what height in the future.

Their attitudes changed because they didn't know which person among these disciples now possessed a limitless future, and therefore could grow to stand high and look down on the masses.

Even the irascible leader of the Bloody Battle Gang, Hu Man, was welcoming the disciples with a respectful and conciliatory attitude, which bewildered many of them. They were, in essence, building bridges for the future.

The attitude of the leader of the Bloody Battle Gang made many disciples very emotional. They were so moved, they tearfully pledged their loyalty as well as their willingness to fight the death for the Sect Master.

Hu Man gave a frank smile.

For him, those disciples should have obtained great fortune in the Heaven's Cave Inheritance, even if they didn't obtain the ultimate inheritance. They were worth grooming with all of the Sect's efforts.

The Storm House and High Heaven Pavilion experts were also clear on this point. They secretly despised Hu Man who got a leg up on them, so they also enquired about their disciples' experiences and well-being.

It took about half a day's time to gather everyone. After that, many of them returned to their sects and had reported to their founders or Elders. This also made Yang Kai and Su Yan's situation more optimistic.

Su Yan was bound to be suspected and no one could change that.

At this moment, Yang Kai and Su Yan were standing on Black Wind Mountain. After they stepped into the light gate, they were transferred there. Su Yan was not quite familiar with the place, but Yang Kai had run around the Black Wind Mountain many times, so he knew a lot about the place.

After a long time, they were finally able to find the correct path.

"About 25 km in that direction, we will find Black Plum Village," Yang Kai informed Su Yan whilst he stood upon a hilltop pointing in a particular direction.

"We can't go back together, or there will be suspicions," Su Yan said hesitantly. Since she was bound to be suspected, she couldn't expose Yang Kai by returning with him.

"Mhm," Yang Kai nodded, "You need to go first since many people would be looking for you. If you delay any further, it will only raise unnecessary suspicion. Remember, no matter who asks you, you cannot acknowledge that you obtained the inheritance."

"I know. You will also need to be careful, and come back as soon as possible," Su Yan urged as she turned to leave but was pulled back by Yang Kai.

"What's wrong?" Su Yan asked, but she was interrupted by a burning hot aura closely hugging her, locking onto her mouth.

Su Yan softly moaned.

Eventually, Yang Kai released her with a smile.

"Remember your promise. Once a month." Yang Kai reminded gently.

Su Yan gave a gentle nod.

They reluctantly said goodbye, though they knew that they would still meet in the sect.

They stared at each other for a long time, but Su Yan strengthened her resolve and said, "I am going."

She walked rapidly, leaving behind a pure white shadow.

Yang Kai looked at her back until she was out of sight, then shook his head with a smile and started to walk in the direction of High Heaven Pavilion.

Heaven's Cave Inheritance..... Yang Kai thought that his biggest gain was not the inheritance, but Su Yan.

After several hours of a leisurely walk, Yang Kai returned to High Heaven Pavilion. All the disciples and experts had already arrived, but there were still some scattered around more remote locations and were only returning now. Thus, Yang Kai's return did not attract any undue attention.

As Yang Kai walked, he noticed something strange. He was receiving greetings and politeness he had never received before from his fellow apprentices. Many may not have approached him, but they were smiling and greeting by gesturing with cupped fists anyway.

Even the High Heaven Pavilion's Deacon greeted him.

Yang Kai felt relieved. He was able to leave alive from the Heaven's Cave Inheritance, so perhaps in the future, he may have boundless prospects. Naturally, nobody was going to disregard him like before. They were greeting him now, and maybe later they would become friends, at least, that's their train of thoughts.

Yang Kai arrived at his small log cabin. Without the chance to even reorganise his shack, he heard the sound of footsteps approaching his door.

He wondered who would be visiting at this time. He opened the door to be greeted by an eager Su Mu.

Seeing Yang Kai, Su Mu put down the worry in his heart and said warmly, "Brother Yang, I'm glad you also returned safely."

Yang Kai was happy to see him, and directly invited him in, "Brother Su, come in and have a seat!"

"You don't need to be polite, I just came to check if you are alright!" Su Mu said while revealing a smug smile, "I need to go back and cultivate."

After giving a long smile, Su Mu vanished from his doorstep.

Yang Kai was shocked for a moment remembering that he has not seen Su Mu on the endless steps. Where was he at the time? The Beast Soul made such a huge ruckus it was impossible for him to miss that.

The only reason could be that he had more important things to do at that time.

Seeing Su Mu care for him made Yang Kai smile as well.

There was only a single inheritance in the cave, so there was no chance that Su Mu would have obtained it. It looked like his fate was pretty good.

Su Mu just departed, and Yang Kai wasn't even able to sit back down when he suddenly heard the sound of more footsteps, though this time they were much lighter like a female's footsteps.

Yang Kai's heart jumped. A green shadow hesitantly entered his shack.

"Little senior sister?" On seeing the appearance clearly, Yang Kai maintained his smile.

Today, his small cabin is quite lively. Su Mu visit, Xia Ning Cheng as well and what's more, he had not seen her in the Inheritance Cave.

Since returning from the Nine Yin Mountain Valley, they had not seen each other.

"Brother!" Xia Ning Cheng was relieved on seeing Yang Kai, just like Su Mu. She walked inside and asked, "Did you just return?"

"Mhm, I just got back," Yang Kai nodded and replied.

"I heard that you also entered the Heaven's Cave Inheritance, but I was not able to find you inside," Yang Kai continued. Xia Ning Cheng was as charming as always; those two sentences made her ears go bright red.

"I noticed on that day you had not come, but Treasurer Meng is really powerful," Yang Kai recalled as he remembered Meng Wu Ya's actions from back then, domineering and rampant, but the feeling it gave was somewhat strange.

Xia Ning Cheng answered, "Yes, the master did make me ago. Oh right, I also found some Yang Flame Stone inside, and made some Medicine Pills for you," Then Xia Ning Cheng reached out with a bottle in her hand, "You need this for your cultivation, don't you?"

Yang Kai took it from her hand with a smile and said, "Thanks!"

Xia Ning Cheng shook her head lightly and said, "You don't need to be so polite!"

"Don't you want to sit and chat with me?"

"No, I just wanted to check on you," Xia Ning Cheng hurriedly waved. She was quite a shy girl and didn't dare to stay at his cabin alone, "I am going, you should have a good rest."

"Alright," Yang Kai did not detain her, "You too. I am quite tired at the moment."

Xia Ning Cheng smiled. She was satisfied with his response.

After arriving at the door, she turned around as if she wanted to ask something, but after hesitating, she couldn't summon the courage and finally left.

Then, she suddenly remembered the matter of Nine Yin Mountain Valley.

The sentiments they shared had reached quite a deep level. Xia Ning Cheng frequently dreamt about the confused kiss they shared in the dead of night. That scene would make her heart jump with joy. She would feel restless for a long time, tossing and turning on her bed, and it would be hard for her to settle down afterwards.

The kiss they shared had left a mark in her heart, and the form of Yang Kai bathed in blood made an irreplaceable picture. Her heart was flooded with an indescribable soft feeling, making it even harder for her face Yang Kai, but she couldn't share her feelings.

When Xia Ning Chen disappeared, his gaze moved to the bottle in his hand. He felt gratitude for the concern his friends showed.

A night passed silently afterwards. He didn't do anything else but sleep quietly and calmly.

The next day, he travelled to the Black Wind Trade City to purchase some Three Leaves Chaos Spirit Flowers and Dead Jedi Tree Grass. The last time he came, he wanted to buy them but the appearance of Heaven's Cave Inheritance disrupted his plans.

In the wake of the incident with Heaven's Cave Inheritance, the Black Wind Trade City became quite lively. The various disciples of the three sects were discussing their fortuitous encounters in the cave, the nine formidable Monster Beasts and of course, the endless steps.

The people who were unable to enter the cave listened with great interest.

Su Yan was not guarding the Black Wind Trade City. At present, it was not safe for her to leave the High Heaven Pavilion. Everyone from the three sects was staring at her. They wanted to know if she had obtained the genuine inheritance.

Yang Kai purchased the herbs and tools he needed and left the Black Wind Trade City.

Returning to High Heaven Pavilion, Yang Kai arrived by the Coiling Dragon Stream.

On his ordinary days, he used to meditate in that place. His three Sun Fruit trees were still fluttering in the breeze. Perhaps after a few years, they would bear flowers again, but it was too far away to consider.

Yang Kai rubbed his hands together. He wanted to attempt something before, but he was too weak then. Now that he is at the Qi Transformation Stage he can finally do it.

He found a small boulder and tied a rope around it, then with the help of the rope, Yang Kai moved down the cliff face above the Coiling Dragon Stream.

He didn't know what rare treasure was hidden inside it causing an abundance of Yang Qi near the cliff, giving Yang Kai the chance to practice his cultivation. Regardless of where the treasure was located, there would undoubtedly be more Yang Qi inside.

Yang Kai's appetite was not big. He didn't want to penetrate the Coiling Dragon Stream to find the treasure. After all, the eleventh elder had urged him many times that he should not rashly destroy the stream because it also hid quite a big danger within.

The mystical Eleventh Elder was at least an Immortal Ascension Boundary Expert. If he can feel that it's dangerous, then it would be beyond dangerous for Yang Kai. It would simply be suicide.

Chapter 160 – Creating the Cave Mansion

As Yang Kai moved down the stream, the density of Yang Qi continued to increase and he was able to absorb a large amount of it.

The wind howled and showed no sign of stopping. This howling made it hard for cultivators to practice because cultivation required peace. Any disturbance would interrupt the cultivators.

[If I could open a hole on the leeward side, I should be able to avoid the noise from the wind. I would also be protected from too much sunlight.]

He pieced together the cords he had brought with him to make one long rope and with its support, he was able to rappel down a thousand feet towards the stream.

When he used up all of the rope's length, Yang Kai looked down and realised the Coiling Dragon Stream was too deep. He was unable to see the bottom. There was no way for him to judge its depth.

He felt fear strikes his heart at the thought of the potential consequences should the rope's integrity fail at this point.

However, the Yang Qi of the atmosphere was truly denser than above.

At this moment, Yang Kai was very satisfied with his decision. He carefully looked around the area and settled on a good position for his cave.

There were numerous ancient pine trees living on the slope of the cliff. They were grouped together and formed what was basically a giant umbrella. If he opened a space under the giant pines, the trees could form a natural barrier, helping him keep out wind and rain. It would become his shelter.

After choosing a spot, Yang Kai condensed a drop of Yang liquid from his dantian onto his fingertip, then used it to cut into the slope.

It sliced easily into the rock. The sharpness of the Yang liquid was not affected. Yang Kai then directly cut into the next rock.

When Yang Kai was in the Initial Element Stage third layer, his Yang liquid could easily ruin an ordinary mid-grade defensive treasure. Now that his strength has increased, cutting a rock was as easy as eating pie.

The Yang liquid in his dantian was limited. The majority of it which he obtained in the Heaven's Cave Inheritance was already used during the double cultivation with Su Yan. Now he had less than four or five drops present in his dantian.

After consuming three drops of Yang liquid, Yang Kai was able to cut open an entrance in the cliff face in which he could fit. Yang Kai continued to enlarge the cave, and the rocks were discarded into the jaws of the Coiling Dragon Stream.

Yang Kai sat and waited. After some time, the sound of the impact of the rock on the bottom of the stream reached his ears. By calculating the time it took for the rock to reach the bottom, he was able to gather a rough estimate of the actual deepness of the Coiling Dragon Stream.

The result was flabbergasting. His initial calculations told him that the depth of the stream was more than ten thousand feet.

Half a day passes and the cave has significantly expanded, but he had consumed all Yang liquid.

With nothing else but his physical strength, Yang Kai couldn't excavate the cave any further.

He whipped out the bottle Xia Ning Cheng gifted him yesterday. He remembered the incident he had with his senior sister and felt guilt pricking him.

Fortunately, they did not go far past that, otherwise he could never face her again.

After ingesting several medicine pills and condensing some Yang liquid, he continued his little excavation

Yang Kai was very excited about his cave. It couldn't exhaust him, and looking at the steady expansion of the cave, Yang Kai felt like a powerhouse who was building his secret mansion.

Yang Kai struggled for several days. For condensing Yang Liquid, he had the medicine pills provided by Xia Ning Cheng. For thirst, he had dew accumulated on the pine tree leaves in the morning. He barely felt hungry. Hunger rarely affects anyone in the Qi transformation stage detrimentally and strongly. Eventually, though, in a month's time, they would need to supplement their strength with some form of nutrition.

Seven days later, the cave was, for the most part, completed.

Yang Kai stood at the entrance and admired his masterpiece. A feeling of satisfaction took over him as he giggled foolishly.

The cave was twice as big as Yang Kai's log cabin. One would prove to be hard to spot if they sat at the entrance. The noise was also filtered out, although a soft whistling sound would resume nonetheless. His new humble abode was comparable to any good place of cultivation. The environment here was much better than many places.

On the left side of the cave entrance, there was a small stone chamber in which Yang Kai stored and preserved his dried food. He placed his Three Leaves Chaos Spirit Flower and Dead Jedi Tree Grass in that room.

On the right was a slightly bigger room. This was his break room. In there, Yang Kai had a stone bed cut carefully and intricately, its surface smooth and even. Yang Kai also took the time to polish it carefully and spent a lot of time doing so. One wouldn't feel the slightest bit of discomfort resting on it, aside from maybe its toughness.

It was unknown what was going through Yang Kai's mind when making this bed, but it was huge and could easily accommodate two to three people.

(Rosy: Really.... we don't know what he was thinking?)

[Hehehe.... Nicely done!] Yang Kai thought in his mind.

The middle of the stone chamber had a large open space. It was unclear why it was open.

This was Yang Kai's personal Cave Mansion. Although it was carved roughly, it was quite warm and cosy. It was much better than that small log cabin.

Common people generally don't steer near the Coiling Dragon Stream. If in the future he is able to obtain something he cannot carry around normally, he could easily keep it here without worrying about its discovery or theft.

As Yang Kai's train of thoughts continued, he climbed upwards with the help of the rope. He cut out some footholds in the rock wall so that he wouldn't need the aid of a rope to descend next time, lessening the chance of its exposure.

Finally untying the rope tied to the big rock, Yang Kai returned to his Cave Mansion.

After so many days of hard work, he finally had a proper place for his own peaceful, quiet cultivation. Perhaps this cultivation environment is better than the areas the rest of the disciples in the High Heaven Pavillion use.

Yang Kai didn't start cultivating immediately, but sat cross-legged near the entrance of his hideout and enjoyed the warmth of this place.

He suddenly remembered something and put his hand on his chest and took it out.

It was the Ying Yang Monster Ginseng. It was a Heavenly Spiritual Herb, a sentient artefact. After being captured by Yang Kai, it was placed on his chest, where it didn't try to escape or struggle.

The Herb seemed to smile at Yang Kai.

The Old Demon said that this type of thing will only grow in places where both Yin and Yang energy coexist. Yang Kai didn't know why there was a Yin Yang Monster Ginseng in the Heaven's Cave Inheritance, but on obtaining the inheritance he understood the mystery.

That was the inheritance of the Yin Yang Joyous Unification Art so it was normal that it could give birth to the Heavenly Spiritual Herb.

He forced out a drop of Yang liquid to feed the Yin Yang Monster Ginseng and unexpectedly, it absorbed the Yang liquid in a flash and put on an even more joyful expression, much like a living child.

Afterwards, an aura encircled the Yin Yang Monster Ginseng and it hopped out of his hand. It pranced all around the cave curiously and after a little while, it found an appropriate place to root and so it did on the spot it stood, still seemingly smiling.

As the aura of light that surrounded the Yin Yang Monster Ginseng became denser, Yang Kai could clearly feel the Yang Qi being absorbed by it. The density of the Yang Qi increased in the cave.

Yang Kai was speechless at such a useful function; something he would have never foreseen.

He became curious, untied the restriction on the Soul Breaking Awl and the Old Demon's respectful voice transmitted from it immediately, "Old Servant sees the young master."

"Have a look at this Yin Yang Monster Ginseng, and tell me what's going on with it," Yang Kai requested.

The Old Demon eagerly replied, "This thing can absorb both Yin and Yang Qi to live, and in this place there is an abundance of Yang Qi which suits it for growth. However...."

"Do not swallow words you planned to spit in an effort to mystify matters unnecessarily," Yang Kai warned coldly.

The Old Demon had forgotten how intimidating Yang Kai could be. This was their first time talking in quite some time and he is already shivering from fear. His Immortal Soul was imprisoned in the Soul Breaker Awl, and from his punishments, he was very clear about Yang Kai's decisiveness and ruthlessness, so he then continued hastily, "It must absorb both Yin and Yang Qi for it to grow steadily. This place has an abundance of Yang Qi, so for a short while it won't be a problem, but in the long run, it will not only stop growing, but there also is a possibility of it withering. It will be like a flower without petals, or like a lone cloud drifting endlessly in the atmosphere. After all, it needs both Yin and Yang Qi as it is a Yin Yang Monster Ginseng."

"So it lacks Yin Qi, right?" Yang Kai probed.

"Indeed, it's as the young master says."

[Well, that should be easy to solve, someday when Su Yan visits she can give some of her Yin Qi to it.]

Hesitating for a moment, Yang Kai asked awkwardly, "You have said before, if a man and a woman have mutual affinity, and when they like each other, it will change into two independent energies and will integrate within their bodies, right?"

"Yes!" Old Demon said with an amazed expression, "Em? Young master, did you...?"

Well, it was not prohibited, Yang Kai, after all, is a young boy. Since the last time they spoke, the Old Demon discovered that Yang Kai has lost his innate Pure Yang Qi. This was the result of Yang Kai having had intimate contact with a female.

"Who are you to ask such a question?" Yang Kai snapped.

"Young master, forgive me, this old servant was just curious. I will refrain from asking in the future."

"There had better be no next time!" Yang Kai sternly scoffed.

Wrinkling his brows, Yang Kai thought.

Although the Old Demon's origin was a mystery, his experience is very profound and he knew a lot about the Yin Yang Monster Ginseng, so he should be speaking the truth.

When they were in the main hall, where he and Su Yan were exchanging sentiments, it was right beside them.

But it did not change into energy and integrate with him and Su Yan. It didn't become a part of them. So, the only explanation is that his and Su Yan's sentiments were not to the degree of having mutual affinity with each other.

Although they may become husband and wife, it would be under the influence of the inheritance and was not originally their wish. If there was no Yin Yang Joyous Unification Art, he could only feel that Su Yan would bear a grudge against him for seizing her virginity. Even if she didn't bear a grudge, she wouldn't have a favourable impression of him, so how could there be mutual affinity between them?

Su Yan had not opened her heart, and the same went for Yang Kai.

Even if they felt attraction towards each other and would go through thick and thin to remain in their position even in life and death, this all was the effect of the Yin Yang Joyous Unification Art.

Love was not something that could be achieved in one day and night, and it couldn't be forcefully developed with the aid of a cultivation technique.

Only when they reach the stage where they regard each other as the most important person in their lives without the influence of anything, then can they claim that their sentiments are truly mutual.

The Old Demon decided to console Yang Kai, "Young master doesn't need to feel discouraged. This old servant knows women well. You have already captured her body, sooner or later, you will also capture her heart. This claim, the old servant can guarantee on his life."

"But aren't you already dead?" Yang Kai chuckled.

Old Demon cautiously watched for anger but could detect none. He then continued with a smile, "That is true, young master, but this old servant can guarantee with his Immortal Soul that women forever hold special sentiments to their first man. Young master, you just need to put in a little bit of effort, then she will be dead set on you. Right now, mutual affinity is just around the corner for you, and when that day comes, this Yin Yang Monster Ginseng will display its effect proudly and brightly."